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SCORES of people from Banbury braved the wet weather in London last Friday to demand an end to the privatisation of the NHS along with groups from across the UK. Campaigner Keith Strangwood said a 'dark cloud' was hanging over the Horton General Hospital and the only way to battle the downgrade of services was to take the fight to a national level **SEE PAGE 3 FOR MORE**

TOWN BACKS BEGGING BAN

A MOVE to prevent beggars travelling to the north of the county to 'prey on the generosity of kind-hearted shoppers' has had overwhelming support in Banbury, the council said.

Councillors have voted for the Public Space Protection Order to stop people pretending to be homeless and begging for money.

It is hoped the order will also tackle antisocial behaviour 'hotspots fuelled by drink and drugs'.

Cherwell District Council lead member for public protection Tony Ilott said: "The purpose of this order isn't to punish people; it's about making Banbury town centre a safe, welcoming and pleasant area for everyone.

"People of all ages should be able to visit any part of the town at any time of the day without feeling intimidated, pressurised into giving money or at risk from the behaviour of others."

The approval follows a five-week public consultation in which 90 per cent of people supported plans to tackle antisocial drinking, 84 per cent to stop begging and 79 per cent tackling rough sleeping.

The order will be put in place for areas including the town centre, from Cher-

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well Drive to Castle Quay canal side to the north, Gatteridge Street and Britannia Road to the south, then to the east as far as Bridge Street Park and to the west People's Park.

Anyone caught breaching the order will be asked to move on or face a £100 fine or up to £1,000 if taken to court.

At the Cherwell District Council executive meeting on Monday, leader of the Labour party Sean Woodcock asked about the council's plans to support rough sleepers.

He said: "I am not surprised to see the response being so positive, given the feedback I have received and even walking through the street and seeing reports of these activities myself."

"The reason, probably, that rough sleeping received the lowest response of the three may be due to a concern for those vulnerable people who will be hit by a fine rather than be given the reassurance they need."

Mr Ilott reassured councillors that the fine would be used as a last resort for rough sleepers.

He added: "We have people travelling into the area pretending to be

homeless to prey on the generosity of kind-hearted shoppers, and hotspots of antisocial behaviour fuelled by alcohol and drugs, which put the public at risk through discarded needles, broken glass and drunken antics.

"None of this is acceptable and we don't see why the majority of residents should suffer at the hands of the minority."

"It's important to stress this order doesn't come at the expense of our other services; it's still of paramount importance to support and help those in genuine need."

"But those who refuse will no longer be allowed to act in a manner that has a negative impact on the town."

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Last votes push as town vies to be top high street

Gap narrows in public poll as judges cast their eyes over shops and businesses

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BANBURY is narrowing the gap in the public vote as the race to be crowned winner in Great British High Street contest reaches its final stages.

Last Friday, government officials and judges were in town to cast their eye over the high street as it goes head-to-head with Hemel Hempstead and Blackburn to compete in the town centre category for 2016.

Deborah Owen-Ellis Clark, from judging company British Land, said: "I'd love to see a mix of independent food, drink and leisure integrated into the high street and some innovative examples of place enlivenment."

The judges spent the day walking around the town's high street shops, talking to businesses and exploring cafes and restaurants.

The decision over which town has the best high street is split between a public vote and a judging panel.

Voting figures from two weeks



The team shown round Banbury High street on Friday, from left, Julia Aratoon, of Cherwell District Council, Iain Nicholson, of Flashop UK Ltd, competition judge Deborah Owen-Ellis Clark, Hilary Paxman, from the Department of Communities and Local Government, and Neil Wild, of Flashop

ago showed that Banbury was falling behind Blackburn.

However, the most recent figures show there are now fewer than 300 votes between the two towns, with more than 15,000 votes cast for each.

Victoria Prentis, MP for North Oxfordshire, has urged for people to vote for Banbury in the contest. She said: "We would not have reached the final without considerable support and help from lo-

cal partners, our district council, businesses and, of course, the people of Banbury.

"As the closing date of the competition approaches, I would encourage everyone to vote for our much-loved town."

The town that wins will receive a prize pot worth £100,000 and training from Google's digital taskforce and Twitter for businesses to boost their sales.

Lynn Pratt, Cherwell District

Council's lead member for estates and the economy, said: "Banbury now has higher occupancy rates and the wide variety of events being organised really bring vitality to the town; there is a vibrant town centre for everyone to enjoy."

This year's competition saw a record 900 entries across 14 categories. The public can vote until November 18 on who should be crowned the winner. Vote at thegreatbritishhighstreet.co.uk

Villagers vote to adopt new plan

RESIDENTS in Bloxham have voted overwhelmingly in favour of a new Neighbourhood Plan to give them control over future developments.

On Thursday, November 3, villagers took to polling stations to answer to the question 'Do you want Cherwell District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Bloxham to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood area?'

The plan was written up over several months and identifies goals Bloxham residents would like to achieve, including delivering the housing that the village needs, protecting and enhancing the village's rural heritage, promoting 'economic vitality' and ensuring a safe, healthy and cohesive community.

A total of 32.4 per cent of the Bloxham electorate took part in the vote, with 877 voting 'yes' and just 26 voting 'no'.

The plan will now be used by the district council when it determines planning applications in the parish.

Bag snatched

A THIEF stole an 80-year-old woman's handbag from her shoulder as she walked towards Morrisons in Banbury.

Police said the victim was on a footpath near the supermarket at 11.40am on Tuesday, October 18.

The force did not release information about the offence until two weeks later.

The pensioner was approached from behind by a man who snatched her bag and ran off towards the footbridge over Upper Windsor Street. She was not hurt.

Police are linking it to a series of similar incidents in the area. Anyone with information should call 101.

High-speed chase drink-driver jailed

A DRINK-DRIVER four times over the limit who dangerously zoomed across Banbury in a high-speed police chase has been locked up.

Alcoholic Andrew Lovejoy admitted drinking heavily before jumping into his Volkswagen Corrado and racing away from officers trying to flag him down.

Jailing the 38-year-old for 12 months last Thursday, Recorder John Bate Williams criticised the defendant for his 'terrible' journey.

He added: "[Your driving] could have led to someone being killed or seriously injured. I can only wonder [how] no one was hurt and no vehicle damaged.

"You now have insight into your problem. One thing that is extraordinarily important is that when you are released from your sentence, now that you have insight, you must get treatment. You must tackle the problem that you now acknowledge you have. There is still the prospect of regaining life. I hope you will learn from this."

Prosecutor Jonathan Stone told Oxford Crown Court officers were alerted to a car being driven dangerously in the town centre just before 7pm on June 5.

Lovejoy's car was spotted at the end of Edward Street after police heard the car accelerating, before watching him rush off along Causeway,

breaking the 30mph limit.

Officers began chasing the alcoholic, attempting to pull him over, but Lovejoy continued his dangerous journey and turned into Junction Road.

Lovejoy drove along Merton Street, 'hesitating' as he planned his escape route, before forcing his way around an oncoming car, Mr Stone said.

The dangerous driver 'nearly crashed' into the front of another car coming towards him and went through red lights in Middleton Road.

Officers also spotted all four wheels of his car 'taking off' from the ground after he drove across a speed bump, the court heard.

Lovejoy continued to flee, driving towards junction 11 of the M40 and heading for Middleton Cheney, forcing police to drive at 100mph in an attempt to catch him.

The drink-driver failed to stop as he sped through a small village at 80mph, turning back towards Banbury shortly after.

But he then stopped and was arrested near a gated entrance along the route.

Lovejoy, of East Street, Banbury, had 142 micrograms of alcohol in 100ml of breath, exceeding the limit of 35 micrograms.

Lovejoy, who admitted dangerous driving, driving with excess alcohol and failing to stop, was also handed a five-year driving ban.

'Dark cloud' hangs over the Horton

A 'DARK cloud' is hanging over the Horton General Hospital as campaigners warned the fight for services in Banbury would need to go national.

Last Friday, protesters from Banbury joined hundreds outside Parliament to demand an end to the privatisation of the NHS.

It comes a month after the Horton's maternity unit was temporarily downgraded to midwife-led status, a move some are worried will become permanent next year.

Dr Tony Sullivan, co-chairman of Keep Our NHS Public, said: "In 2008 the Secretary of State agreed Oxford was too far for patients to travel safely when sick, injured or giving birth. The dangers to patients are huge - accessibility and patient choice are becoming a horrible joke. Staff choices have not been addressed so they have avoided public consultation and centralised on 'safety' grounds."

The rally took place on the same day a second reading of the NHS Reinstatement Bill, proposed by Green MP Caroline Lucas and Labour MP Margaret Greenwood, was due to take place. It has now been delayed until February 25 next year as the first two Bills debated on Friday, November 4 ran over.

Keith Strangwood, of the Keep the Horton General campaign, said: "The unity shown on the day was fantastic."

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The scene of the head-on crash on the A361

Two seriously hurt in head-on smash

THE drivers of two cars were taken to hospital with serious injuries after their vehicles smashed into each other in a head-on crash.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service said the vehicles were travelling in opposite directions on the A361 Bloxham Road in Banbury at 7.44pm last Thursday when they collided.

Both drivers were trapped and were assisted by a passing doctor before fire crews and paramedics arrived.

Firefighters used specialist rescue and cutting equipment to

free them and they were then transported to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.

Watch manager Dave Edge, from Banbury Fire Station, said: "The two vehicles were badly damaged in the impact and the resulting debris field was a clear indication of the serious nature of the incident.

"Our teams worked closely with the ambulance service to ensure that we freed the injured people from the wreckage as soon as possible."

Station manager Mick Clarke, the fire service road safety

manager, added: "This collision occurred on a rural road, in the early evening and whilst the cause is not known at this time, I would like to remind road users of the demands of driving on rural roads.

"Nationally, 59 per cent of road fatalities occur on rural roads and in 2015, 10,307 people were killed or seriously injured on country roads in Great Britain.

"Whilst lives were not lost on this occasion, the collision was a serious one.

"Please take care whilst driving."

Come along and enjoy Story Bash

Relive 'times gone by' at museum and join in free fun activities during day

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BANBURY Museum is busy gearing up for its annual Story Bash day – its biggest event of the year.

On Saturday, the museum will celebrate the stories of Banbury by bringing its historical collections to life.

For one day only, visitors can sit in a specially constructed vintage sitting room and listen to inspirational stories of 'times gone by' from Banbury and Kidlington residents.

A range of free activities will be on offer for all ages, including face painting, crafts, oral history and storytelling.

There will also be English Civil War displays and refreshments available at the museum café.

Special guest Katrice Horsley,

the National Storytelling Laureate from 2012 to 2014, will read throughout the day.

Emma Walton, marketing and communication manager at Banbury Museum, said: "Story Bash is our chance to showcase the wonderful programme that Banbury Museum has to offer and to bring to life the inspiring stories of Banbury.

"We are expecting it to be quite a bit bigger than last year's event as this time we have the educational element.

"There really is something for every age to enjoy and we are incredibly excited to welcome families to our third annual Story Bash."

Also on the line-up is the announcement of this year's winner of the Story Bash competition, a battle of creativity between Hardwick Primary School and Hill View Primary School.

More than 150 entrants will be whittled down to 10 on Monday, with a judging panel featuring two children's authors picking the top story at 2.30pm Saturday.

The star story will be performed by Ms Horsley on the big day.

Last year more than 1,000 visitors, both young and old, joined in the festivities.

The museum has again collaborated with the Mills Arts Centre with a special craft activity stemming from their winter production of *Cinderella and the Glass Slipper*.

They will be crafting magical fairy tale castles, turrets and towers.

Suzi Wild, education manager at Banbury Museum, said: "Banbury Museum will be a hive of colour, creativity and activities for all on Story Bash Saturday.

"Come and share in all the fun, excitement and free activities on this super day. It really is a day not to miss."

Story Bash will take place on Saturday from 10am until 5pm at Banbury Museum in Castle Quay Shopping Centre.

For more information and for a programme of the day's events please visit www.banburymuseum.org/story-bash

Appeal to boost dog blood reserves

A CANINE blood bank service will be in Banbury this month making a plea for more donations after a shortage of offerings.

Pet Blood Bank UK will be at Hawthorne Lodge Veterinary Practice on the November 29 and is asking for anyone whose dogs have a negative blood group to donate to the charity.

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Free parking plans in bid to entice shoppers

CAR parking charges in Banbury and Bicester will be waived in the afternoons on Saturday, December 3, and throughout January to encourage people to get shopping.

The move by Cherwell District Council aims to support Small Business Saturday next month followed by the January sales and the post-Christmas trade.

Participating car parks will be clearly signed and free to park in after 3pm, where normally charges would apply between 8am and 7pm.

The council's deputy leader George Reynolds said: "We hope it will tempt people into town to make the most of the sales and maintain high levels of footfall." For more information visit cherwell.gov.uk/carparks

Homes plan number rises

A VILLAGE just south of Banbury will see a further four houses built on an ongoing development after getting the go-ahead from Cherwell District Council.

Some 82 homes were due to be built on former farmland the south side of Bodicote north-west of Coteleaf Farm and south of Blackwood Place.

Construction has already begun, with the new builds to be a mixture of brick and natural stone. This month members of Cherwell's planning committee approved the amendment of existing planning permission to allow 86 homes to be built instead of 82.

Outline permission for the development was granted on appeal by a government planning inspector in 2012.

The revision also allows modification to some of the already-planned homes, with eight now to be two-and-a-half storey, four-bedroom houses.

It will not result in any alterations to the agreed road layout although some of the housing plots have been re-organised.

Councillor Colin Clarke, Cherwell's lead member for planning, said: "This is a relatively modest change taking place on a previously approved development. We believe the changes, along with the addition of a further four homes, will have little impact on neighbours' amenity, therefore we are happy to approve this amended planning permission."

Scientists working hand in hand with NHS doctors

Extra funding awarded for £113m research running by the side of hospital's care

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IMAGINE balancing a hectic schedule of ward rounds and patient care with overseeing a small army of scientists engaged in £113m-worth of game-changing research.

All in a day's work for Professor Keith Channon, the director of Oxford's sprawling biomedical research centre (BRC) where thousands of doctors and scientists – and occasionally doctor-scientists juggling clinical care with research – are involved in dozens of projects improving health outcomes all over the world.

The unique set-up of Oxford's BRC, in which scientists work side by side with clinicians at the JR, the Churchill and the Horton General in Banbury is a huge boon, Prof Channon said.

Next April the Oxford BRC network will celebrate its 10th anniversary after last month being awarded £113.7m from the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR).

Prof Channon, a cardiologist in



Prof Keith Channon, director of Oxford's biomedical research centre, at the John Radcliffe Hospital

the John Radcliffe Hospital's West Wing, said: "We were delighted. It was a highly competitive bidding process with no carry-over."

"As far back as January 2016 we had to submit an expression of interest, report an enormous number of performance metrics, list 20 thematic areas and nominate leaders."

"We are very proud of our track record. There are 20 BRCs in the coun-

try and Oxford is one of the largest, and the only one to successively increase our funding."

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it has led to breakthroughs in whole genome sequencing for rare diseases and cancer, reducing the risk of recurring stroke, replacing bedside paper charts with 'early warning' tablet computers and developing an Ebola vaccine.

He said: "Now, in 2016, you will see a large number of university buildings on the hospital campus immediately adjoining NHS buildings."

"On many occasions they're physically located within our hospitals; you could walk across the corridor and not know you are in university space."

"It's integrated and embodied. The place to do research that's related to patients is in a hospital, not a facility or a business park."

The cross-over is not only physical but professional, with staff including Prof Channon carrying out the same on-call duties as NHS colleagues while undertaking research.

He said: "If you have been spending the week treating people with asthma at the JR you have a good idea of what the questions are, rather than being dragged off into some esoteric area. You keep your feet on the ground. Critically, you are highly motivated to make sure your patients benefit."

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Remembrance Sunday events to pay tribute to the fallen

REMEMBRANCE services will take place in towns and villages across north Oxfordshire this weekend.

In Banbury, at 10.15am, there will be a parade from Banbury Town Hall and Broad Street to St Mary's Church for a 10.45am service. This will be

followed by the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial in People's Park at noon.

In Bicester, the Royal British Legion Bicester and District Branch and 25 children from The Cooper School in Bicester will attend an Act of

Remembrance tomorrow at the Commonwealth War Graves at St Laurence Church churchyard, Caversfield, on Friday at 11am.

The Act of Remembrance will be led by the Rev Peter Wright and attended by members of the RBL Bicester and

District branch including Brian Bailey, the event organiser, Brian Leach, the branch chairman, and David Crabbe, the branch secretary.

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Blind war veteran will join Cenotaph march

Ex-RAF serviceman honoured be part of an 'emotional' day

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A BLIND war veteran from Banbury will march at the Cenotaph in London on Remembrance Sunday to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

John Cantwell, 68, who served in the RAF between 1970 and 1980, will join more than 100 other blind veterans on what he said would be an 'emotional' day.

The march, organised by national charity Blind Veterans UK, will also remember those who were blinded at



John Cantwell

the Battle of the Somme 100 years ago.

Mr Cantwell, who gradually lost his sight due to a genetic skin disease, said: "I feel incredibly privileged to be attending the national commemorations with Blind Veterans UK again."

"They are a great bunch of guys, you never know who you might stand next to and what their story might be."

"It's always an emotional day – it's about remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom."

"Even now there are those who are putting their lives on the line to help defend people who cannot defend themselves."

Mr Cantwell, who lives with his wife Elaine, joined the RAF in 1970 as part of the Motor Transport Service Station (MTSS) and was stationed in Cyprus, Oman and Anguilla in the Caribbean.

He said his men came under heavy fire when based at RAF Salalah in Dhofar, Oman, in 1972.

He said: "While we were stationed at RAF Salalah the local rebels threw mortars at the base."

"The MTSS had a shiny roof so they would aim for

that. Luckily they always missed because they had such terrible aim."

Since 2010, Mr Cantwell has been receiving help from Blind Veterans UK and recently completed a 100km walk to Yorkshire for the charity.

As part of the national commemorations on Sunday he will join other vision-impaired ex-servicemen on a march to the Cenotaph war memorial in Whitehall, London.

The charity's chief executive Major General Nick Caplin said: "This year's Remembrance Sunday is particularly poignant as our delegation of current blind veterans remember those blinded at the Somme but also those who didn't make it back."

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Stylish tale of alien visitors

ARRIVAL (12A, 116 mins) Sci-Fi/Drama/Thriller/Romance. Amy Adams, Jeremy Renner, Forest Whitaker, Michael Stuhlbarg, Mark O'Brien, Tzi Ma. Director: Denis Villeneuve

COCOONED in the tiny bubbles that constitute our lives, planet Earth seems huge – a polluted rock cluttered with billions of competing lifeforms, whose paths rarely intersect.

As our world turns, we rarely look past national borders, let alone tilt our heads to the stars and contemplate how insignificant we are in the vast expanse of space.

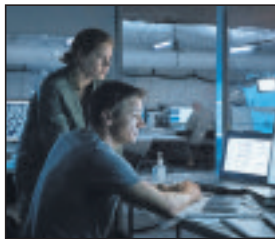
To me, it's inconceivable that of all the planets we can see with the most powerful telescopes or probes, and the millions that will remain forever hidden, only our astronomical home is capable of sustaining intelligent life.

The greater surprise, surely, would be that we are alone.

Based on a short story by Ted Chiang, *Arrival* is contemplative science-fiction drama, which imagines mankind's shambolic reaction to first contact with an otherworldly race, and the dangerous fractures that would appear as nations disagree over the best course of action.

If governments can't cooperate over the environment, finance and immigration, what hope is there when we collectively face a possible extinction event?

Director Denis Villeneuve and screenwriter Eric Heisserer



aren't interested in *Independence Day*-style pyrotechnics, although their film is punctuated with impressive special effects sequences.

Like *Close Encounters Of The Third Kind*, *Arrival* philosophises and digests before it considers locking and loading a weapon.

Twelve giant obloid spacecraft enter Earth's atmosphere and descend over seemingly random locations including Devon, the Black Sea and a lush meadow in Montana.

US Army Colonel Weber (Forest Whitaker) leads the American response and he recruits emotionally scarred linguistics expert Dr Louise Banks (Amy Adams) to decipher a coded language used by the visitors.

Banishing painful memories of her young daughter's death, Louise aligns with military scientist Ian Donnelly (Jeremy Renner) to unravel the conundrum, while the CIA, led by Agent Halpern (Michael Stuhlbarg), considers the terrifying possibility that we are in the calm before an intergalactic storm.

"If this is some peaceful first contact, why send 12 ships? Why not send one?" asks a woman on a radio show, encapsulating the paranoia sweeping the globe.

As nations grow nervous, especially General Shang (Tzi Ma), chairman of the People's Liberation Army in China, Louise and Ian take potentially lethal leaps of faith to better understand the aliens' intentions.

Meanwhile, Captain Marks (Mark O'Brien) and other subordinates under Weber's command debate a blunt show of force against the tentacled extra-terrestrials.

Anchored by Adams' mesmerizing performance,



Jeremy Renner as Ian Donnelly in *Arrival*; inset, with Amy Adams as Louise Banks

Arrival is an extremely stylish tale of grief and self-sacrifice that uncoils beautifully for two hours.

Pacing is deliberately pedestrian, cranking up tension as flawed characters wrestle with agonising questions of mortality.

The two visible aliens – affectionately referred to as Abbott and Costello – are a triumph of digital wizardry that doesn't distract from the script's deep emotional core.

At the very moment we discover we are not alone, we have never been further apart.



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Cake Bookworm

The Tobacconist by Robert Seethaler is published in hardback by Picador, priced £12.99 (ebook £7.59)

THE Tobacconist is a hugely accomplished study of human nature set during the years leading up to the Second World War in Vienna. Berlin-based Austrian Seethaler gives you a sense of what living life under the Nazis was like, but without any of the clichés. Seen through the eyes of Franz, a young man from the Austrian Lake District to whom everything is new, the novel is as much about first love and coming of age as it is about society on the brink of imploding. The novel follows Franz as he starts work in a tobacconist's shop and befriends Professor Freud who opens his eyes to the world with surprising results. Seethaler's sentences shimmer and stream through the novel like the waters of the lake. Beautifully evocative, sparse prose left me feeling deeply moved. It's as much what is not said and what is not shown to the reader that grips. Both Seethaler

and his translator Charlotte Collins deserve strong recognition.

The Tunnel by Carl-Johan Vallgren is published in paperback by Quercus, priced £14.99 (ebook £7.49)

DRUGS, violence, pornography and prostitution... this novel won't be for everyone, but for fans of Scandinavian crime fiction by the likes of Jo Nesbo and Stieg Larsson, this is a must-read thriller. Vallgren is one of Sweden's best-loved writers and it's easy to see why. This is his second novel in a series following private investigator Danny Katz. Katz begins to investigate when he discovers his former drug dealer Ramon dead, apparently from an overdose, and Ramon's girlfriend, Jenny, has disappeared without a trace. There are too many things that don't add up for Katz, and he finds himself entering Sweden's seedy underworld in his search for answers. The subject matter may be unsettling for some, the prose is graphic at times, and many of the characters are rather unsavoury,

but this all adds up to a great story that will keep the reader hooked right up to the last page.

Midwinter by Fiona Melrose is published in hardback by Corsair, priced £16.99 (ebook £8.99)

LANDYDYN Midwinter and his son work the land of their Suffolk farm in a haze of internalised grief, unaddressed since the death of Vale's mother in Zambia, a decade before. But when Vale is involved in a near-fatal accident with his best friend, the family rift gaps wide and he and his father must face the spectres of their own failings as winter bites. It's a fairly bleak premise and Melrose does well to balance the dark topics of her debut with a dash of optimism. She expends much effort to capture the gruff language of farmers and exults in nature and pathetic fallacy, finding a simile for her human protagonists' every awkward feeling in the actions of an animal or the weather. Unfortunately, this technique is noticeably clunky.

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THURSDAY

An Antarctic Evening with Peter Gibbs: Banbury Town Hall, 1 Bridge Street, Banbury. 7.30pm. £10. 01295 259442.

Charity Christmas Card Sale: Vale & Downland Museum, Church Street, Wantage. 9.30am. Free. 01235 771447.

All change – unblocking the A40: Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford. A seminar debating the challenge of connecting Witney and surrounding areas with Oxford and the rest of the county. 6pm. Free. 07500 947599.

Walking Cricket taster session: White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre, Audlett Drive, Abingdon. Email ashley.chapman@southandvale.gov.uk 2.30pm. Free. 07717 714477.

West Oxon Decorative and Fine Arts Society: Methodist Church, High Street, Witney. T.E.Lawrence, Tortured Hero of Troubled Times. Talk by lecturer Dr Neil Faulkner. 7.30pm. Guests and visitors £6. 01993 776568.

Alzheimer's fundraiser coffee morning/sale: Ladbury Hotel, Kings End, Bicester. 10am. £1 includes coffee/tea and cake. 01869 252595.

Bicester Fairtrade Group Annual General Meeting: Council Chamber, The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester. 8pm. Free. 01869 249555.

FRIDAY

Masquerade Gala in aid of Cancer Research UK: Witney Lakes Resort, Downs Road, Witney. A three-course dinner, live music from covers band Breeze plus DJ, red carpet and champagne reception, fireworks display, photo booth and photographer an auction. 6.30pm. £65 per ticket or £600 per table of 10. 07805 223 064.

Pamper Evening: GEMS Primary Academy, Chestnut Drive, Didcot. To pre-book treatments email gemspta@gmx.co.uk 7pm. £5.

Coffee Morning: John Paul II Centre, Causeway, Bicester. 10am. 01869 253277.

SATURDAY

Christmas Bazaar: Witney Town Bowls Club, Station Lane, Witney. 10am-2pm.

Ramblers walk: Village Hall, Kingston Blount. Leisurely six-mile walk via Sydenham. 10am. 01844 213608.

Bazaar/table top sale for Tubney Church: Southmoor Village Hall, Draycott Road, Southmoor. Tables available at £6 or two for £10. 10.30am. £1. 01865 390466.

Sunshine Cat Rescue Xmas Bazaar: Chipping Norton Town Hall, The Guildhall, Chipping Norton. All proceeds go to Sunshine Cat Rescue. 11am. Free. 01993 831279.

Workshop – Altered Books by Heather Hunter: Village Hall, Middle Road, Stanton St John. Oxford Scribes Workshop. Investigate simple techniques to start respectfully altering a book. See www.oxfordscribes.co.uk for more details. 10am. £25 members, £35 non-members.

Christmas Fayre: Davenport Road Methodist Church, Davenport Road, Witney. 10am-1pm. Free. 01993 702438.

St Swithun's Christmas Market: Kennington Village Centre, Kennington Road, Kennington. 10am. Free.

Walk (Fieldpaths): Oxford Bus Station, George Street entrance, Oxford. SP509063 10 miles. Walking to Carfax, Folly Bridge then on to Iffley, the Lye Valley and Bury Knowle, returning via Mesopotamia. Bring refreshments, pub lunch or picnic. Walking on pavements, dogs on leads. 10am. 01865 514082.

Superkids Superheroes: The Story Museum, 42 Pembroke Street, Oxford. Join children's author and performer

Bernadette Russell for a superhero workshop. Invent your own superhero name, then join 'The Superkids League' whose mission it is to make the world a nicer place. Followed by book signing. 3.15pm. £7/£5. 01865 790050.

Little Milton Craft Market: The Pine Lodge, Thame Road, Little Milton. In aid of Bloodwise – Beating blood cancer since 1960. 10.30am. Free.

Christmas Charity Fair: Brill Memorial Hall, Church Street, Brill. 10am-1pm. Voluntary donation on entry.

1st Fritwell Scout jumble: Fritwell village hall, Fewcott Road, Fritwell. 2pm. 07986 520553.

Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning: Woodstock Social Club, 44 Oxford Street, Woodstock. 10am. Free. 01993 812094.

Grand Charity Jumble Sale: East Hanney British Legion Hall, Mill Orchard, East Hanney, Wantage & Grove Lions. 1.30pm. 20p. 01235 223467.

Cherwell Cats Protection Fundraising Bazaar: Southwold Community Centre, Holm Way, Bicester. 2pm. 20p per person, children Free. 01869 242730.

Table Top and Jumble Sale: Island Farm Donkey Sanctuary, Old Didcot Road Brightwell-cum-Sotwell. 11am. Buyers entry 50p. 01491 833938.

SUNDAY

Walk (Fieldpaths): Hensington Road car park, Woodstock. 10.10am SP446167 6 miles. A pleasant walk through farmland and into Blenheim Park via the Oxfordshire Way, crossing the A44 carefully. Bring refreshments for en route break. Assistance dogs only. 10.10am. 01865 514663.

Second Lease Walks: Car Park, Woodford Way, Witney. Two walks - an eight-mile walk around Milton-under-Wychwood and a 4.75-mile walk around Woodstock. See www.wospweb.com/ site/second-lease/ 9.30am. 01993 774500.

MiLou Craft Fair: Drayton Village Hall, Lockway, Drayton. Doors open to the public at 11.02am following the two-minutes silence. Collection for RBL. 11am. Free. 07495821185.

MONDAY

Birds and Climate Change Joint meeting of ANHSO and OOS: Exeter Hall, Exeter Close, Kidlington. Ashmolean Natural History Society Bernard Tucker Memorial Lecture. By Dr James Pearce-Higgins, British Trust for Ornithology Director of Science. 7.45pm. £2. 07988 753625.

Wire Christmas Decorations: No Two Things, 120 Broadway, Didcot. 7pm. £25. 01235 511550.

TUESDAY

Decoupage Cards: No Two Things, 120 Broadway, Didcot. 7pm. £15. 01235 511550.

Christmas Rag Wreath: Millets Farm Centre, Kingston Road, Frilford. For hanging or a table decoration. £40 including tea or coffee, lunch and materials. 10am. 07974 081526.

Windrush Flower Club Christmas Demonstration: Corn Exchange, Market Square, Witney. National demonstrator David Thomson delivers 'Colourful Christmas'. 6.45pm. £9 visitors, £7 members. 01993 200175.

WEDNESDAY

Folk Art Candles: No Two Things, 120 Broadway, Didcot. 7pm. £18. 01235 511550.

Make a Christmas fascinator: No Two Things, 120 Broadway, Didcot. 7pm. £30. 01235 511550.

Willow Weaving Stars & Trees: No Two Things, 120 Broadway, Didcot. 7pm. £20. 01235 511550.

Walk (Fieldpaths): Turnpike Inn, Yarnton. SP482122 4 miles. A flat walk along fields towards Kidlington, then

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along the Oxford Canal to Roundham Lock. Returning via Rowel Brook and across fields to Gravel Pits Lane. Pub lunch or picnic. Assistance dogs only. 10.30am. 07957 319262.

Techniques of Glassmaking: Trinity Church, Conduit Road, Abingdon. Abingdon Decorative and Fine Arts Society (ADFAS) monthly lecture meeting with Charles Hajdamach. 2pm.

Music

THURSDAY

Harris Manchester College, Mansfield Road, Oxford: European Explorations. Arias and songs from across Europe. Susanna MacRae, soprano, Bernard Tan, piano. Free, with retiring collection. 1.30pm. 01865 271006.

Jacqueline du Pré Music Building, St Hilda's College, Oxford: Lunchtime Recital. Myrddin Rhys Davies (horn). Free. 1.15pm. 01865 286660.

Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street, Oxford: Maxim Vengerov and the Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra. £5-£50. 7.30pm. 01865 980980.

St John the Evangelist Church, 109 Iffley Road, Oxford: Anais Mitchell. Vermont and Brooklyn-based singer-songwriter coming from the world of narrative folksong, poetry and balladry. 8pm. £15 in advance, £17 on the door. **The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford:** Dave O'Higgins Quartet, The Spin Jazz Club. Jazz saxophonist plus band. 8.30pm. £12, £10 (conc), £6 (student).

Joe's Bar & Grill, 260 Banbury Road, Oxford: Joanna Eden. Jazz vocalist. 8pm. Free.

O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford: Jon Boden, Blair Dunlop. Solo show from former Bellowhead frontman. 8pm. £20.

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: The Mentulls, Rory Evans. The Haven Club. Blues & rock. 7pm. £10 (adv), £12 (otd), £5 (NUS).

The Cock Inn, Combe: Nick Gill. Classic jazz and ragtime piano/vocals. 8-11pm. Free.

FRIDAY

Jericho Tavern, Walton Street, Oxford: Invisible Vegas, Coldredlight and Chalk. £5 otd. 8pm. 01865 311775.

Modern Art Oxford, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford: Wooden Arms. A contemporary quintet who draw from alternative, classical, and trip-hop music. Free. 8.30pm. 01865 722733.

Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street, Oxford: Mahan Esfahani. A complete performance and discussion of J.S. Bach's Goldberg Variations BWV 988 given by harpsichord player Mahan Esfahani. £10-42. 7.30pm.

St Mary's Church, Church Green, Witney: An Evening of Bagpipes, Ballads and Bally-Hoo. With Richard Jasper. Profits towards The Poppy Appeal and Raise the Roof. £8. 7.30pm. 01993 705026.

The Methodist Church, High Street, Witney: Witney Winter Concert – Piano Recital by Ashley Wass. £12 (£11 seniors, £1 under-19). 7.30pm. 01993 702296.

The Northcourt, Abingdon Utd, Northcourt Road, Abingdon: Book of Genesis. Genesis tribute. £10 advance & £12 door. 7.30pm. 01235 203203.

The Swan Inn, Shipton Road, Ascott-under-Wychwood: Clive Gregson plus support from Ian O'Regan. Wychwood Folk Club. £10 advance, £12 on the door. 8pm. 01993 831427.

The White House, Abingdon Road, Oxford: Xogara. Oxford Folk Club. £6. 8.30pm. 01865 768128.

Burwell Hall, Thorney Leys, Witney: Stuart Henderson Quartet – Great Trumpeters Through Time. £12 (£10). 8pm. 07710 545555.

Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford: The Pasadena Roof Orchestra. Sounds of a golden age of music from 1920s and 1930s. 7.30pm. £11.50 to £22.

O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford: Roachford, Lee Christian, The Prohibition Smokers' Club. Eighties UK soul star. 6.30pm. £16.

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Sara Watkins. Californian bluegrass singer. 7pm. £14.

SATURDAY

Cornerstone, Station Road, Didcot: St Giles Orchestra concert. £11, £9 concs, under 16s £6. 7.30pm. 01235 515144.

Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford: Enigma Variations: Oxford Symphony Orchestra. £16 (£14), accompanied under 16s free, students £5. 7.30pm. 01865 305305.

SS Peter & Paul Church, Church Street, Banbury: Mozart Coronation Mass. Warriner Choral Society. £12 (accompanied under 16s free). 7.30pm. 01295 367441.

St Giles Church, St Giles, Oxford: 'Blue Note' with Tommaso Starace and Michele Di Toro. Jazz. £12/£10 (concessions)/£5 Students with ID. 7.30pm. 01865 510460.

St Leonard's Church, Pyrrton Lane, Watlington: Merry Opera Concert. Four voices & Piano. £18, concessions £16. 7.30pm. 01491 612082.

O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford: Benji Webbe (Skindred), Skeletor, NitroGene. 11pm-2am. £5. Skindred, Raging Speedhorn, Evarose. Reggae-metal fusion. 7pm. £18. Tyler Bryant & The Shakedown. Nashville blues rockers. 6.30pm. £8.

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Buried in Smoke All Dayer. Ten-hour metal marathon. 12pm-12am. £10.

SUNDAY

Church Hall, Iffley, Church Way, Iffley, Oxford: Oboes Galore! Christopher Redgate (oboes) and Stephen Robbins (piano). £12 (children £5). 3pm. 01865 779663.

St Michael and All Angels Church, Lonsdale Road, Oxford: Oxford Studio Orchestra with Leon Wu. £8 (£6 concessions). Accompanied children free. 3pm. 01865 558626.

Wolfson College, Linton Road, Oxford: Piano Recital: Maki Sekiya. An Evening of Chopin. £12/10; students £5, on the door. 5pm. 01865 274100.

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Frank Carter & The Rattlesnakes, Dead!, Thee MVPs. Punk. 8pm.

MONDAY

O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford: The Low Anthem, And The Kids. American indie folk band. 7.30pm. £15.

TUESDAY

Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, Oxford: OSJ Prom at the Ashmolean. With Francesca Saracino. Soprano. Mahler and Mendelssohn. £25 chair (£10 bench). 7.30pm. 07775 904626.

O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford: Scott Matthews, Kathryn Williams, Foley. Ivor Novello Award-winning singer-songwriter. 7pm. £16.50.

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Temple Funk Collective. Eight-piece funk street band. 8.30pm. Free.

WEDNESDAY

The Queen's College Chapel, High Street, Oxford: The Eglesfield Musical Society Wednesday Organ Recital Series. Irina Rozanova, St Petersburg. Admission is free with a retiring collection. 1.10pm. 01865 279120.

The Bear, 6 Alfred Street, Oxford: Dan Rawle. Acoustic solo artist. 9pm to 11.15pm. Free.

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Natty, Randy Valentine, Calip. Soul-reggae. 7pm. £15.

Theatre

Jericho Café, 112 Walton Street, Oxford: Nov 10, *Ahir Shah – Machines*. Stand-up show. 8pm-10pm. £6, £5 (NUS).

Lime Walk Methodist Church Hall, New High Street, Headington: Nov 11-12, *It's A Wonderful Life*. Lime Walk Players present a radio play. 7.30pm. £7. 07982 600743.

Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford: Nov 15, Comedy Scratch Night. 7.30pm. £5. 01865 263990.

Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford: Nov 10, *City Stories*. 7.30pm. £11.50 to £18. Nov 12, Rich Hall. 7.30pm, £17. 01865 305305.

Pegasus Theatre, Magdalen Road, Oxford: Nov 11, *May-We-Go-Round?* Dance and comedic theatre. 7.30pm. £13 (£9 concessions, £6 under 18s). 01865 812150.

New Theatre, George Street, Oxford: Until Nov 12, *The Shawshank Redemption*. 7.30pm plus 2.30pm Wed and Sat. £16.90-£39.40 plus £4 transaction fee. 0844 871 7615.

South Oxford Community Centre, Lake Street, Oxford: Nov 11, *11/11*. An evening of music, poetry and film to commemorate the men from South Oxford who fought in the First World War.

6pm. Free. 01865 242666.

St Peter's College, New Inn Hall St, Oxford: Until Nov 12, *Albert Herring: A Comic Opera*. 7.30pm. £15/£8 (concs).

The Story Museum, 42 Pembroke Street, Oxford: Nov 13, *Incredible Journeys: A Very Gallant Gentleman*. Robin Hemmings performs the story of one of the forgotten animal heroes of the First World War. 11.30am. Free with Museum entry. 01865 790050.

Chipping Norton Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton: Nov 15-Jan 8, *Robinson Crusoe*. Panto. 01608 642350.

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The Bernard Hall, Upper Church Street, Cuddington: Nov 12, *Betty Davies on the Edge*. One-woman play. See www.cuddingtonvillage.com/arts 7pm. £10. 01844 299150.

Unicorn Theatre, Checker Walk, Abingdon: Nov 16-19, *A Man For All Seasons*. Abingdon Drama Club. 7.30pm. £10 (£8). 0845 4636638.

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Banbury's super first-half spree

A FURIOUS first-half goal blitz gave Banbury United a 4-1 win at Cirencester, keeping them close to the play-offs in the Evo-Stik Southern League Premier Division.

Braces for both Conor McDonagh and Darius Browne put United in command.

Browne headed Banbury into the lead from a 12th-minute corner.

Three minutes later it was 2-0 when McDonagh tapped home following a poor back pass from former Banbury triallist Ben Brown.

Zach McEachran set up the next two goals for Mc-

FOOTBALL

Donagh and Browne in the 19th and 35th minutes. Substitute Jason Milhinch pulled back a goal for the hosts in a quiet second half.

Banbury Utd: Harding, Westbrook, Martin, Nash (White 77), Odhiambo, Carnell, McEachran (Bell 78), Self, Johnson, McDonagh (Jeacock 66), Browne. Subs not used: Blackstock, Gunn. **Attendance:** 156.

Banbury produced a superb turnaround to hit back and win 4-1 at St Neots Town last Tuesday.

Mike Ford's side trailed to a long-range strike from Rogan McGeorge after 12 minutes.

But Eddie Odhiambo and

Jack Self scored to put the visitors ahead at half-time, before substitute George Jeacock bagged a late double.

McGeorge spotted keeper Jack Harding off his line and hit a superb shot from just inside the Banbury half into the back of the net.

But the Puritans levelled when Odhiambo tapped in, before Self put them ahead.

The hosts tried to hit back, but Jeacock made the game safe, scoring from a narrow angle in the 75th minute and then heading home ten minutes later after McEachran's shot thundered off the crossbar.

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St Ives Tn	18	4	4	10	15	38	16			
Cambridge City	19	2	5	12	17	32	11			
Cinderford Tn	18	2	1	15	21	48	7			



Conor McDonagh scored a double for Banbury United

Hosts grab bonus in simple win

RUGBY

BANBURY recorded a 31-10 victory at home to fellow strugglers Reading in South West 1 East on Saturday.

Despite playing into a stiff breeze, the hosts led 10-5 at half-time thanks to a try from Jacob Mills plus a conversion and a penalty from Ed Phillips.

After the break, they scored tries from prop Cash Chilvers and lock Matt Brock, who powered over on the overlap, Phillips converted both to make it 24-5.

Reading gave themselves hope with a score from a tap penalty.

But Banbury had the final say with their bonus-point fourth try through Josh Deegan.

Phillips completed a 100 per cent record from the tee with his fourth conversion as Banbury picked up the inaugural Tim Rogers Cup.

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LIBRA

Sep 23-Oct 22
Don't tell more lies to cover those you've already told, or you will only end up bringing yourself down. A new face in your career has more paths to your long term success than you may imagine. Find out what their past entailed to begin your journey. Ring now for a preview.

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TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20
Live your life in a way which makes you happy, not just the way which ensures you get less stress from close ones. When the mists have cleared, you are the one who will have to follow the routine you have made for yourself. Ring now to hear why I encourage impulsive career decisions.

SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21
You are finding it hard to admit how you feel to close ones who you think have put up barriers recently, but who also think that you have been doing the same. Telling tales on those you work with cannot be an option. Ring now to hear how passionate this month could be.

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GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20
I can see that trust is lacking in a relationship which you used to think could be a long term one. You've grown in so many ways in recent days and I can tell how easy it is for you to see through lies. Ring now to hear how this will benefit recent family tensions.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21
Love should be unconditional. When you give it in this way, you will receive it in abundance. Taking time out to deal with what you purposely put off last week can help you find courage and closure. Ring now to hear how I know you have friends in high places.

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CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22
Your plans for the future are changing, as you've realised you can afford to aim so much higher than you have been. You also see which friends have been using you for what you can offer to their life, without giving anything in return. Ring now to hear why I endorse this week's stubborn mood.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19
Your house of work comes under the spotlight and you find it easy to see what's working in your career and what needs to come to a close. Make time for older family members who have much they need to share with you. Ring now to hear how Mercury blesses reconciliations.

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LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22
Plans for Christmas are up for discussion, but be careful of committing to things which may not interest you by the time December comes around. You have gone through a series of changes recently. Wait and see how you evolve. Ring now for more.

AQUARIUS

Jan 20-Feb 18
I don't usually approve of you giving into family pressures, but I can see from your stars that your close ones really need you to work with them on all that is currently occurring. Ring now to hear why I don't want you to cancel pre made plans this month.

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VIRGO

Aug 23-Sep 22
Aim high Virgo, as I can see from your stars that you have been putting time and energy into what other people think you should be doing, rather than what you really want for yourself. Ring now to hear which sign I know can bring you back to full strength.

PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20
Try not to rush into offers this week, as what is first put on the table may not end up being the best deal for you. Fellow Pisces link to you having a more constructive working week. Ring now to hear why you hold the power over financial disputes and deals.

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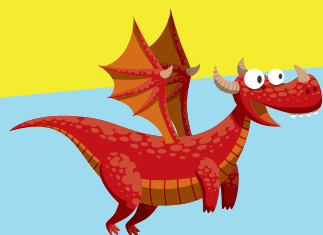
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The homes at Longford Park; right, typical Taylor Wimpey interiors

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First-time buyer's delight at help to buy apartment

FIRST-time buyer Robert Paveley is counting down the days until he has a place of his own. The 26-year-old is quitting the family home in Bicester to move into a new apartment at Longford Park in Banbury next month.

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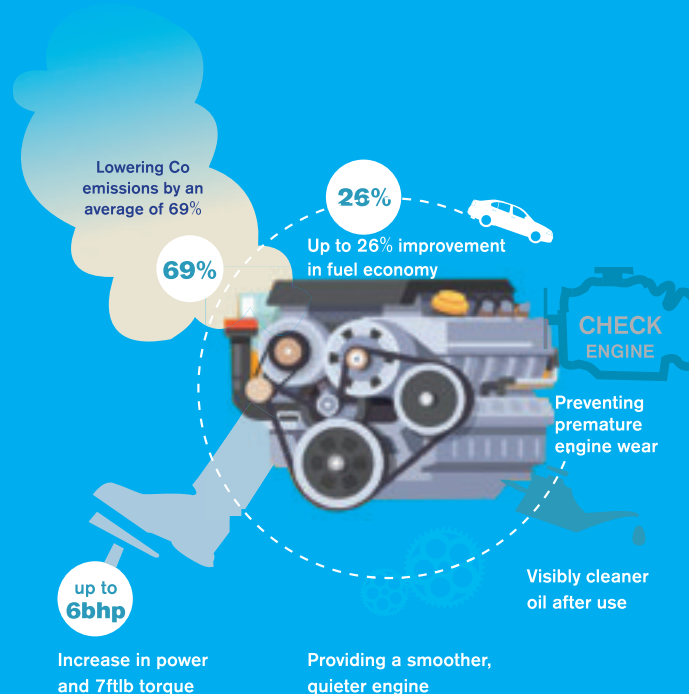
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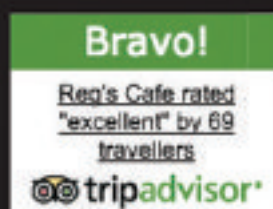
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